



The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 2981

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.Authorized Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

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deposit and makes advances on Goods in
neutral Godowns, and upon other securities, on
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Hongkong, 27th August, 1891. [1166]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.

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Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street.
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Buys and Sells: BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
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on application.E. W. RUTTER,
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THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE
COMPANY,
ESTABLISHED 1825.INVESTED FUNDS.....\$7,000,000 Sig.
ANNUAL INCOME.....\$900,000 Sig.

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Office, well-known throughout India and the

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Agents, Hongkong,

Standard Life Office. [1166]

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LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [1166]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY
(LIMITED.)CAPITAL, TAELS 60,000. \$83,333.33
EQUAL TO.....\$18,000.00
RESERVE FUND.....\$18,000.00

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.HEAD OFFICE: N. & G. PRAYA WEST
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [1166]

Notices of Firms.

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.THE Undersigned have This Day been
appointed AGENTS of the above Com-
pany at this port.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LTD.,

ROBERT BAIRD,
Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1891. [1166]

NOTICE.

WE have this day established a BRANCH
of our Firm in Amoy, and have authorized

Mr. FRANCIS CASS to sign as Agent.

DOUGLAS LAPPAN & Co.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1891. [1166]

Intimations.

W. BREWER
HAS JUST RECEIVEDA VRES Footballs and Extra Bladders.
Boxes of Copper Stencils, Alphabets and
Figures.
Sands' New Stamp Albums.
Supplement to Former Editions.
Smith's Diaries 1892.
Letts' Diaries 1892.
Waterlow's Multiplex Copying Portfolio.W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1891. [1166]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

Packed by CROSS BLACKWELL & Co., Phillips and Canaud and other 1st class packers.

A FULL STOCK OF FRESH STORES ALWAYS ON HAND.

A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on October 1st, 1891, attention is called to the
NEW SCALE OF PRICES.

Priced Lists and Pass-books sent, post free, to any address.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED,

ex S.S. "MYRMIDON,"

IN SPLENDID CONDITION,

DIRECT FROM THE FACTORY

THE KINNEY TOBACCO'S POPULAR BRANDS

OF

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES

AND

STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG. [1166]

W. POWELL & CO.'S
IS THE BEST HOUSE FOR ALL KIND OF HOUSEHOLD SUNDRIES.

COOKING STOVES, all sizes.

DRYING-ROOM STOVES, all sizes

KEROSENE OIL STOVES FOR DRYING-ROOM and COOKING,
made by the best Makers.

AMPS and LAMP SUNDRIES of every description.

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Hongkong, 15th October, 1891. [1166]

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.

GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

SHOOTING STOCKINGS FOR SPORTSMEN.

BUCKSKIN LEGGINS.

PORPOISE HIDE BOOTS.

CANADIAN CREAMERY BUTTER and CHEESE.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.

18, Praya Central, Hongkong. [1166]

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THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE,

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
and at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

PIANOS SPECIALLY MADE FOR THIS CLIMATE AND GUARANTEED.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.

TUNING—REPAIRS.

Instruments made equal to new. Large experience, all Machinery, trained men and Work guaranteed.

OLD PIANOS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.

16 YEARS extensive experience in China, and the only firm of trained and practical people
devoting themselves entirely to the Music and Musical Instrument Trade. [1166]

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.,

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

AND
Commission Agents.

KOLA WINE, (VAN HARGAN).

TONIC, STIMULANT and RESTORATIVE, unequalled as a Restorative of the Digestive
Organs. It strengthens the Mental and Physical powers, and Stimulates the Circulatory
and Nervous systems.

DOSE:—A Wine Glass Full with each Meal.

VINA COCA.

A Wine Glass Full taken on rising relieves any uneasiness in the stomach, and faintness.

FINE SCOTCH WHISKY HONEY \$1 per bottle.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1891. [1166]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell-by Public Auction,

on

SATURDAY, the 1st October, 1891,

at 2.30 p.m.

at their SALES ROOMS, NO. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL.

The Powerful and Fast Steam Launch

"FALCON,"

lately belonging to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

Length between perpendiculars 57 feet.

Beam 8 ft. 11 inches

Depth moulded 4 ft. 6 inches

Tandem H.P. Compound Engines; Cylinders

8 inches and 14 inches.

The Boiler is in good condition.

Launch has been thoroughly overhauled by

the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company,

and is in First-Class Order.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR QUEENSLAND PORTS—SYDNEY

AND MELBOURNE

(Calling at SINGAPORE and JAVA) and taking

through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND

PORTS and TASMANIA.

THE Company's Steamship

"MIKE MARU,"

Captain J. B. Macmillan, will be despatched for

the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 1st inst.

at Noon.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1891.

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,

LIMITED,

CHEMISTS, &c.

SELECTION FROM WINE & SPIRIT LIST,

CLARET.

per case of case of

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VIN ORDINAIRE—An ex-

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wine..... \$5.00

St. GERMAIN—A pure light

wine with a decided

character..... \$6.00

St. ESTEPHE—A light dinner

wine..... \$6.00

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wine with more body..... \$8.00

CHATEAU LIVRAIN 1884..... \$12.00

BARTON LANGO—A rare vintage claret,

1875..... \$14.00

S H E R R Y. per case per bottle

VINO GENEROSO—A general round wine, *seal*..... \$6.00 \$6.00

VINO DE PASTO—A medium dry wine with delicate flavour, *red seal*..... \$10.00 \$1.00

AMONTILLADO—A high class natural wine for connoisseurs of Sherry, *yellow seal*..... \$12.00 \$1.10

DELICIOSO—The very finest sherry procurable, 6 years in bottle..... \$14.00 \$1.25

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.

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FLOWER SEEDS,

SEASON 1891-92.

PER S.S. "SHANGHAI"

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CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in tins containing 10lb each..... \$1.50.

" Bags 25lb. 4.00.

Directions for use are given on the label.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1891.

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LONDON.... to

" THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" Office,

Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, January 10th, 1891.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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The "Hongkong Telegraph".

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

A RUSSIAN CONUNDRUM.

LONDON, October 26th.

The Novos Vremya stated the Ameras sent an embassy to Russia to conclude a Russo-Afghan Commercial treaty.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An Emergency meeting of St John Lodge, No. 518, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zeland Street, to-morrow, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

In the Supreme Court, in Bankruptcy, yesterday before His Honour the Chief Justice, J. W. Croker came up for his discharge. No opposition was offered and the bankrupt was therefore discharged.

The Telegraph Co. issued an express to-day stating that a serious earthquake at Kobe and Osaka, has interrupted all the Japanese land lines north of Osaka. Possibly this phenomenon may account for the peculiar—not to say extraordinary—weather we are now having.

LIVE IN HONGKONG.

Jinks—Have a drink?

Blinks—No.

Jinks—Smoke?

Blinks—No.

Jinks—What shall we do?

Blinks—Throw a bottle at coolie!

The farewell performance of the Willard Opera Company, announced for to-night, has been abandoned, and the company leave by the mail to-morrow for Singapore. We sincerely trust they will have better luck for Hongkong certainly treated them badly. But it is a fool of a place anyhow, and "they do these things better in the Straits."

The Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barracks Square to-morrow, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—

March..... "Light of Foot"..... Launc.

Lancaster..... "The Mikado"..... Bucol.

Valse..... "The Officers"..... Coors.

Polska..... "On Guard"..... Williams.

Overture..... "William Tell"..... Faust.

Galop..... "Wie Balde"..... Faust.

It is reported in well-informed native circles, says the Shanghai Mercury, that the French claims arising out of the Wuhi riots have been settled by M. Wagner, the Consul-General here for the Republic, and the Shanghai Taotai, for the sum of Tls. 110,000. We also hear that telegrams from Peking have been received by Chinese Bankers in the Settlement, announcing that the Central Government has compromised the injury done to Foreigners in the Ichang riot for a lump sum of 150,000. We give these reports for what they may be worth, without responsibility; but one thing seems certain, viz., that the Chinese themselves are much less apprehensive of trouble with the Western powers than they were a few weeks ago.

It was a poor lone widow once more, for she had just buried a husband for the third time. Calling to condole with his bereaved parsoner, the minister touched on the many gifts and graces of her dear departed, and said, by way of a parting word, "Be comforted, then, dear madam, in your great affliction. It is doubtless a heavy burden to bear, but it must be a source of great consolation to you that you do not sorrow as one who has no hope." "Indeed it is, minister," replied the bereaved lady, drying her eyes. "He was a good man who was, but I'm no that auld yet, an' as you say, I've aye the hopes o' gettin' another an'." And the good old minister departed, feeling too much ashamed to contradict her.

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ground; they crawled and then sped away like lightning into the gloom. The watchers fell to the ground half dead with fright, but soon recovered their senses and decided to watch for the Malays' return. The midnight hour came, and in the dim distance four lights seemed to be advancing, and soon the accourses of the forest were in sight. Slipping the air in a weary but contented manner, their huge bodies shook as they sent forth loud roars. They rolled on their backs and in the twinkling of an eye they were again Malays with serene smiles over spreading their countenances. The two Chinese partners held a long consultation, sold their store to the first man who made an offer, and betook themselves to another place.

The Kolao leader, Chen Kin-lung, with three other prisoners, started for Nanking in the gunboat *Tinghsichow*. A message was sent by wire to inform the Viceroy of the terrible Kolao's departure, so that suitable preparations might be made to receive him at the landing. If any high functionary had been making a visit to the southern metropolis no greater bustle would have been observable among the provincial authorities in that capital. The city commandant paraded and put his troops ready, while the magistrate brought to the city several strong cages. The steamer at last had in sight, but night was approaching, and night is fraught with danger of rescue. Early next morning, drums were sounded and, as far as the eye could reach, long lines of soldiers were seen with loaded fire arms drawn up in battle array. The moment Chen stopped ashore a guard of two hundred soldiers surrounded him and marched him to the Vice-regal palace. H.E. Liu awaited him in high court with the Provincial Treasurer, several Tontots, the Nanking Prefect, the two magistrates and a number of generals, Guards, soldiers, runners, detectives and executioners crowded every available foot of the immense yard and building. Probably no such turn-out had taken place since the intended visit of the Czarina. Chen gave an entirely different version of his confession as compared with what he gave before the Shanghai court, but acknowledged that he had committed three murders. The Provincial Treasurer then said: "According to the law on murder it is life for life. You have committed three murders, and if you forfeit yours now it cannot be considered unjust even in your own mind." The two magistrates were then ordered to summon the executioners, who dragged Chen Kin-lung to the western gate or entrance of the Viceroy's *yamen* and sent him to the other world by one blow of the knife. The other three prisoners were kept on board and carried to Wuhu for trial.

CHINKIANG.

(N. C. Daily News Correspondent)

October 19th, 1891.

Our port, notwithstanding the bad reputation it seems to bear, is proving itself a model of quietness in these troublous times, and had we nothing more to do than the Athenians of old, life would indeed not be worth living.

There were however an execution and a fire last week; but as both took place before some of us were up, all was over before we knew it. The fire was a small one, but one house on the Tien-chu-kai was destroyed. The fire was accidental.

The execution was of two men, one of whom was a Taoist priest. The original charge against them was robbery but during the trial, it is said they confessed to being Kolao Hui men. Be this true or not, the officials executed them as such very early last Friday morning, and their heads are exposed in public places as a warning to other Kolao Hui men.

The rice which promised so well early in the season is now being harvested, and will yield half a crop, being badly injured by the damp cloudy weather of the last two months. The locusts also did much damage in some places.

NANKING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Nanking, October 21st.

Placards were put up the M.E. Mission hospital here a few day ago, announcing that a little girl had been lost, and offering a reward. Last night a high official called on one of the Missionaries at the West Gate, and strengthened the military guard, saying that there were evil rumours about.

I wrote a while back to say that Liu Kwan I., the Viceroy, had been summoned to Peking, and he has settled the matter by sending a good bribe to the Six Boards.

Those Manchu criminals have not been executed yet, as the Viceroy cannot move with referring to Peking.

It is reported that a goodly number of Kolao Society men are locked up here awaiting trial. I think there can be no doubt that Ching Sung who was executed the other day was a leader in the Ke-Lo-Soo Society. He was an officer under Yih Yang Sian of Chinkiang who has been deprived of his command.

Mr. Robert Woo, Interpreter of Foreign Affairs, has left here as his former manager has been promoted to the Hwaihuan Taotaship.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

SHAOHSING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SHAOHSING, October 17th.

There is nothing of any interest stirring in this great conservative city. Rain with thunder and lightning on Monday 12th, and rain has been the order of the day all the week. The crops are said to be good in the open, but near the hills the people complain of poor prospects; yet in the open country the winds and rains seem to have almost done for the otherwise promising-looking rice. The farmers are exceedingly anxious for fine weather. This is a rich large and fruitful plain, and it is hard to look on so much fruit lying prostrate and ready to rot; yet if sunshines come soon, and stay a few days the farmers will soon get in their harvest. They are, of course, like all Chinese, very superstitious. They say everything has a birthday, and on the 13th of this moon was the birthday of the Rice-stack. "Dao-tung," they call rice-stack. If it rains on this day, they say it will continue to rain for weeks everyday. Something like our St. Swithin's Day, etc. They wanted to know if I could tell them if it would really be so. On the 13th of this moon was the birthday of the "nailed-boots" or rain-shoes. If it rains on this day, the rain-shoe makers ply their masters to give them a feast—in anticipation of the good prospects before them in the sale of many rain-boots, and it is said these shopkeepers are quite pleased to do so, on the strength of such prospect.

As to political news, it is most difficult to get hold of any that one can be sure is true. The Prefect of this city is a Manchu, and I believe anti-foreign, when convenient to be so at least; the people say he is a free-and-easy sort of individual and would rather they settled their disputes themselves and not trouble him, and he has no reputation for being a *greed*, squeezed of the people. Rumours of riots, etc., in other places, we hear of, but I think them to be Kolao-hwei in this city, Nany. The attitude of

the natives here towards foreigners, more quiet and respectful than usual! A foreigner with three young foreign ladies walked the whole length of the great street from north to south, about 2 English miles, the other day, and he heard no disrespectful utterances on the part of the people. A few months ago they would not have been so reticent, not that the people here would openly insult you, but even a boy did not open his mouth the other day, and the same gentleman passed along in an open boat (on purpose to feel the pulse of the people in that district) the whole length of a very busy suburb, and where he has often met with insult and rudeness before, yet not a word was heard from anyone that could be called disrespectful on this occasion. We are thankful for this state of things, though we know not how long it may last. Tea-shop and passenger talk sometimes becomes troublesome and even menacing at times, on account of the outrageous rubbish they put out about foreigners. But, on the whole, the good sense of the many prevail. Even when in the sixth month it was so threatening at Hangchow and other places, and some wretches actually broke open some coffins not many hundred yards from a missionary's house, in the night, and tried the next day to implicate the foreigners, yet the common-sense of the people, who all knew the missionary, could not be imposed on, and through God's mercy nothing came of it. Sometimes one is led to think "we are too peaceful" as a good friend recently wrote me from Hangchow, and yet what better indication could be given of the failure of the wild and vile reports of a *Fortress Hospital*, where the violent deeds are said to be perpetrated, crowded with confining patients? so many that lots have had to be put off as every available space was occupied! Surely this is a most favourable gauge of the feeling of the country-people at least. I don't believe myself that the hostile feeling of the literati and gentry is changed in the least for the better, but a wholesome yet selfish fear keeps them at arms length. The public peace and their own security are inseparably connected, even though a foreign element should come between and disturb them, and for the time being is the victim of them both. The mandarins cannot legislate on these things, but they can use their authority and influence by exciting a wholesome fear of the disturbance of the public peace, and raise such reasonable expectations of security as shall operate beneficially both for gentry and people. May the mandarins themselves be filled with a due sense of what is right and just and true.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

THE INTERNATIONAL GOLF MATCH OF 1891.

(From the *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch*.)

"The Painter's Devil, as one of our humblest but most necessary supernumeraries is styled, is a youth of most lively fancy and infinite jest, as any person who has had the misfortune to associate closely with him only knows too well. Yet he is serviceable without, and is accustomed to treatment from which more sensitively organised beings would shrink. It was this adaptability to any environment which led to one of P.D.'s being introduced the other day at a scance in this city, for the purpose of being hypnotised before a learned company. The expert who conducted the experiment having brought the subject successively through the two preliminary stages of dreamland, introduced him into the third and final and most interesting stage, and having inquired what character the audience would like to see and hear represented, various suggestions were made. Ultimately, it was agreed that the wideawake sleeper should be asked to imagine himself his own successor in this office sixty years hence, and cast the horoscope of the future by reading the account published in the *Evening Dispatch* of August 12th, 1890, of the Great International Golf Match, which was being held that day. Being provided with a proof, the P.D. adjusted himself like a pupit orator, and at a touch on his prophetic eye from the expert, and with all his faculties concentrated and intensified, thus proceeded (words being recorded by a shorthand writer):—

From the *Evening Dispatch*, August 6th, 1890.

By *Aerial Reporter* and *Micro-Telephone*. The concluding event of this great struggle is taking place this afternoon on the ever popular links at Cape Wrath, before the largest gathering of golfers that the world has yet seen. Not only is the assemblage noticeable on account of the mere numbers which, take it at its best, is of most importance to the thirty-nine gigantic hoteliers in the neighbourhood, but the interest which *ex necessitate* attaches itself to any game worth a button has been in this case intensified by the wild excitement that makes two hemispheres throb. Representatives from all the great States—except the Congo Republic, whose two crack players had on the way closed with Portugal—had fought nobly and fallen as was expected, till this mild, sunny, sleepy afternoon saw the superb final between the Champion of Christendom, Mr. McPherson of Ballachulish, and Che Fung of "The Tulips of Northern China, G.C." the medal-holder of six unbroken seasons.

Betting—in spite of its attempted prohibition by all golfing States from Sunny Japan to Labrador, "the land given to Cain"—started briskly and considerably in favour of the Gael. The Patriarch of Saratoga (the head of the great American sacred caste, which had come into prominence immediately after the Chicago Exposition towards the latter end of last century) opened the ball by offering the Yakuon of Swat wall Presbytery \$1000. It was at once taken. But it was not long ere our reporter noted that some dozen or two Mandarins, with several tails and buttons, were threading the crowd and harking their men even.

"Him stymie man, Che Fung," said one dear old gentleman, who had removed all tell-tale hairs; "no catcher stymie weasle sleep—not mucus!" Five to four on Che Fung!

It was a gay and stirring scene—the bright costumes of the airy Orientals fitting here and there among the once serried ranks of the Dingwall Presbytery (who were there to a man) in most telling contrast. We were, by the way, pleased to observe that the suggestion we have reiterated on these pages over since this great match began has been at last given effect to, that wheeled carriages should be strictly prohibited; for it must, we take it, be allowed that the dandy and often gaudily appointed litter add an even sweeter charm to the scene. The one that, perhaps, most impressed the mere golfing gazer was that from Cork; but it would be unfair to omit all notice of those from Brooklyn, Eastern Burma, and Northern Japan—no, to speak of Paisley.

The golfers of old time world, no doubt, have looked with admiration, if not awe, upon the Asiatic and American bands and banners that we of to-day naturally associate with international assemblies; but there is little doubt that they vastly enhance the animation of the whole affair. One banner from the great North-West (China) specially impressed us. It was five-talled and made of green silk, set here and there with golden moons, and, in the centre, a likeness in silver thread deeply wrought of the Inventor of the Bulger. Chinese myth, it may be questioned, has woven many strange legends regarding him. According to one, he was a mighty and somewhat saturnine magician, who inhabited a desert valley on the borders of the

ice region, and used to play long games by himself, the one hand against the other, and when so doing invented the bulger to give his left hand a chance. On the other hand, it is a matter of fact that no fewer than seven Mandarins in the Pei Wang district, of totally different blood, from one another, alike claim descent from him; and as each of them has by merit gained a patent of nobility for his sins in all these deceased and gone, the Inventor has the benefit of at least seven trees over and above what is truly his own patrimony.

Mr. McPherson is a burly, big, and bony man dappled with freckles, and with great powers of looking hot. He is longer than is usual for a great golfer; but a good deal of this is, of course, taken up by his legs. He has played since the time he was four years and a fortnight old, and has never been beaten in any game to which he was led to attach the least importance.

Little definite is known in this country about

the Inventor except that he is a distant relative of the immortal Confucius, and also claims descent from the Inventor of the Bulger. He is on occasion, report says, perhaps the most brilliant player living, but sadly erratic—so much so, indeed, that the number of his buttons and tails is seldom the same for many weeks at a time: and both his own father and his fourth wife, Ying Wi, were judicially allied to death by order of the Viceroy of Nankin on account of his miserable breakdown for the championship of the East at Vladivostok in 1898. His club seem not unlike our own; but his application of the Bulger principle to his steel putter is understood to have been effective in the extreme, and a species of two pronged fork which he has designed for extracting balls from bunkers and cart-ruts is said to answer the purpose wonderfully well.

Ernestus Professor Blackie, the Venerable,

was, we were glad to see, as brisk as he

was a century ago, acted (at the request of the Chinese Ambassador, who had planted a pot on

the event, and with the consent of Mr. McPherson) as umpire; and took the field promptly at 1.15 p.m., accompanied by a dhuinewassel carrying, besides his pipes, a campstool for his Cofie and some bottles. Two skilled greenkeepers, clad in red coats and wearing the official cocked hat and white spats, were as usual sent ahead to still the surging throng and prevent any person sneezing on the stroke. The flying machines of the reporters hurried through the air; telephones were ready for their uncanny work at a short distance, to the north-west of every hole; and all was hushed expectation when the umpire made some remark in Gaelic that seemed quite familiar to the Chinese gentlemen, and he addressed himself to his ball. It struck us that the shaft of his driver was of bamboo—which, as an old writer says, "serves alike to embellish the garden of the prince and to cover the cottage of the peasant"; and, we may add, to correct the inhabitants—and our reporter was informed that the head was made from the wood of the sacred Bo tree, held throughout the East, as all know, as of peculiar sanctity, and able to ward off evil spirits and the devils who dwell in brooks and bunkers. The ball was of the Pekin pattern, first used three centuries before our era, and made of red gutta-percha. Mr. Che, Fung opened with what seemed to an outsider a tremendous drive, but did not himself seem satisfied, as upon his return (whatever that may mean in China), and our reporter heard a doleful wail and prolonged moaning from a closed litter on his left hand.

Mr. McPherson, whose frequent boast it was that "if she got a gold trive she titra care a tama for ta hole," opened with a stunner, but it was a long, long way behind John Chinaman's; and the latter with his next landed close to the hole, while Mr. McPherson was pottering away down among the bents. First blow to Che Fung. The telephone was at once in operation. Wall Street was the first to reply—"Down the Scotchman! Give him another chip." Pekin, on the other hand, intimated new buttons to Che Fung himself and the ennobling of a distant uncle's ancestors who had settled before our era in Manchuria.

Paris requires every vehicle traversing its streets at night; if only a wheelbarrow, to carry a lit lamp.

A French journal publishes statistics showing that drunkenness is increasing to an alarming extent in that country.

The ruling of Bluebeard's castle are said to still remain in a lonely mountain road near Interlaken, Switzerland.

A ladies' regatta at Stockholm the other day comprised nine boats, all rowed by young ladies in pretty dresses.

Manchester cotton manufacturers have advanced their quotations on account of the greatly enhanced cost of cotton.

Rains have been so incessant in Switzerland that tourists have abandoned the country for other parts of Europe.

Baron Sturm, one of the largest employers of labor in Germany, will pay higher wages while the high price of food continues.

The Grand Duke Vladimir is the only member of the Russian imperial family who disapproves of the Franco-Russian alliance.

The poorest church living in Great Britain is that of Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, where the parson gets 1s. 1d. a week for ministering to 200 people.

"Both emperors are the picture of health," says a despatch from Vienna, referring to William of Germany and Franz Joseph of Austria.

A mosque is about to be erected in Vienna for the use of the Mussulman troops from Bosnia and Herzegovina, when these are temporarily stationed in Vienna.

Austria is taking determined measures to repress the disloyal Czech agitation in Bohemia. Kosciusko has approved, in a letter, the attitude of the Hungarian independent party.

The ladies of Constantinople have been prohibited, by a decree of the Sultan, from appearing in the streets of the city in the Parisian costumes which they have of late adopted.

The last thatched cottage of the olden time in London has been destroyed. It fronted on the green at Shepherd's Bush, and there is good ground for believing that Miles Synderup, the prime mover in a plot against the life of Oliver Cromwell, once lived in the house.

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